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REVENUE (1948) Department.

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G.O. No. 1342

Dated 7—6—1948.

[Despatch Abstract.]

PROHIBITION - Extension to the remaining 9 wet districts Arrangements for working of shops on 1-10-48 - Orders passed.

BOARD OF REVENUE (EXCISE) DEPARTMENT.

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Sub: Prohibition - Extension to the remaining 9 wet districts from 2-10-1948 - Arrangements for working of shops on 1-10-48 - Proposals - Submitted.

Read: G.O.Ms.No.887, Revenue, dated 19th April 1948.

C.R.No.14730 ABK.

Station: Triplicane, Madras-5. Dated 5-5-48.

From

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Assistant Secretary, Board of Revenue (Excise).

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Member, Board of Revenue and Commissioner of Land Revenue Excise and Prohibition.

Reference:-

The Board submits the following proposals for the working of Abkari and Opium shops on 1-10-48 in the existing nine wet districts.

2. Conducting auctions to dispose of the privilege of sale of liquor and drugs in these shops and the grant of licences for such privileges for 1 day on 1-10-48 will involve a lot of administrative inconvenience and it is not worthwhile.

3. As far as the abkari shops sold in auction viz. arrack, toddy, ganja, opium and beer shops and F.L. taverns are concerned the best course will be to extend the currency of the present licences by 1 day and allow the existing renters to run them on 1-10-48 also without the obligation to pay any proportionate rent to Government for that day. It will go a long way to compensate many of the renters who complain that they have suffered loss on account of the orders of the Government which required them to close their shops voluntarily on 2-2-48 and 12-2-48 in honour of Mahatma Gandhi, while, to the Government, it will mean nothing more, than a month consisting of 31 days. The renters have voluntarily cooperated with the wishes of Government who may now show the Renters this small concession. If the Government are pleased to accept the Board's suggestion, the Board considers that there is no necessity to increase the ration for the one day in question. There is also no need to collect proportionate tree tax for one day and the renters may be allowed to enjoy the yield of the trees already marked for one day more.

4. If the Government, however, consider it necessary that one day's rental (1/31) should be collected from the existing renters, if they are to be allowed to continue the shops for one day on 1-10-48 the Collectors will be asked to obtain in writing from the present renters their willingness to continue the shops for one day on 1-10-48 on payment of one day's proportionate rental. In cases in which the renters are not so willing the shops concerned may be closed on the night of 30-9-48.

5. The licences issued on fixed fees under the Abkari Act are as follows:--

F.L.1	1250	in Madras and Rs.625 in other districts.
F.L.1(a)	315	
F.L.1(b)	65	
F.L.2	320	in Madras and Rs.200 elsewhere.
F.L.3	6	
F.L.4	65	

F.L.7	125	in Madras and Rs.65 elsewhere. -
F.L.8	125	
F.L.9	65	
F.L.10	200	in Madras and Rs.100 elsewhere.
F.L.12	15	
F.L.13	15	
F.L.17	15	
F.L.20	15	

6. Proportionate fee for one day for the above licences will be 1/365 of the above fixed fees for each licence. The amount will not be appreciable and the existing licences may be extended by one day on 1-10-48 without payment of any proportionate fees.

7. The licences issued free of fee under the Abkari Act are the Denatured spirit and Methyl Alcohol licences. These may be extended by one day on 1-10-48 without payment of any fee.

8. The Board requests that urgent orders may be passed in the matter, as instructions have to be issued sufficiently early about the disposal of the balance of liquor and drugs remaining on the eve of ~~the~~ ~~its~~ introduction of Prohibition.

Sd/- Munzoor ~~Hxxxxxxx~~ Husain,
Assistant Secretary. 5/5/48.

To
The Secretary to Govt.,
Revenue Department.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.
Abstract.

PROHIBITION - Extension to the remaining 9 wet districts - Arrangements for working of shops on 1-10-48 - Orders passed.

REVENUE DEPARTMENT.
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G.O.Ms.No.1342. Dated 7th June 1948.

Read: From the Board of Revenue, R.C. No.14730 Abk, dated 5-5-1948.

ORDER:

The Government accept the proposal of the Board of Revenue contained in para 3 of its reference read above, that the currency of the present licences of the abkari and opium shops in the non-prohibition districts may be extended by one day and that the existing renters may be allowed to run those shops on 1-10-48 also without the obligation to pay any proportionate fee rent or tree tax to the Government for that day.

BY ORDER OF HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR.

Sd/- x x
Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue (Excise).
To the Accountant General, through Finance.

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